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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED MEETING IN BELGRADE: ROK ACTIVITIES

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1. IN DISCUSSION JULY 14 ROK POL COUNSELOR TAIK KIM EXPRESSED MILD SURPRISE THAT ROKG COUNTING JORDAN AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES COMMITTED TO EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS ON YUGOSLAV RESOLUTION AT BELGRADE. KIM SAID HIS EMBASSY'S DEMARCHES HAVE ALL HAD SAME RESULT -- A NON-COMMITTAL GOJ STANCE THAT POSITION ON RESOLUTION WOULD BE DETERMINED AFTER ARAB LEAGUE DISCUSSION.

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2. ON JULY 16 POL CHIEF TOOK UP KOREA IN INITIAL CALL ON NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, ZAKI AL-QSOUS. POL CHIEF SAID WE STRONGLY SUPPORTED ROKG EFFORTS IN SEEKING RESERVATIONS AT BELGRADE. AL-QSOUS, WHO EVIDENTLY NOT AS FAMILIAR WITH ISSUE AS DESIRABLE, ALSO MENTIONED ARAB LEAGUE DISCUSSION, NOTING THAT THERE WOULD LIKELY BE CLEAR SPLIT AMONG GROUP ON KOREA ISSUE AND THAT EACH WOULD

GO OWN WAY. HE HAD CLEARLY NOT CONSIDERED WHICH WAY JORDAN WOULD GO.

3. COMMENT: WE ATTRIBUTE JORDANIAN LACK OF RESPONSE ON ISSUE MORE TO GENERAL DISINTEREST THAN TO FAILURE OF ROK EVANGELISM. WE PLAN REINFORCE APPROACH TO AL-QSOUS WITH BACKGROUND NON-PAPER SETTING FORTH OBJECTIONS TO YUGOSLAV RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, IN PREPARATION FOR DISCUSSION IN ARAB CAUCUS OF NON-ALIGNED BELGRADE ISSUES IT MAY BE DESIRABLE FOR ROKG TO CHECK ITS ARAB COMMITMENTS ONCE AGAIN. OTHER ARAB ATTITUDES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA AND SYRIA WILL PROBABLY DETERMINE WHAT JORDAN EVENTUALLY DOES.SUDDARTH

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